



MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**July 15-16, 1998
Sacramento, California**

The meeting of the California Transportation Commission was called to order at 1:40 p.m. on July 15, 1998 in the Assembly Hearing Room 447 of the State Capitol Building in Sacramento, California.

Members Present: Robert Wolf, Chairman, arrived at 1:50 p.m.
Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
Mary Berglund
Gary Burke
Octavia Diener
David Fleming
Roger Kozberg
Dana Reed
Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio, arrived at 2:05 p.m.

Members Absent: P. Gregory Conlon
Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened on July 16, 1998.

Members Present: Robert Wolf, Chairman
Edward Sylvester, Vice Chairman
Gary Burke
Mary Berglund
P. Gregory Conlon, arrived at 8:45 a.m.
Octavia Diener
David Fleming
Roger Kozberg
Dana Reed
Senator Quentin Kopp, Ex-Officio, arrived at 9:20 a.m.

Members Absent: Assemblyman Kevin Murray, Ex-Officio

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for June 2-3, 1998 Meeting

The minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Conlon, Diener, and Wolf were absent).

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

The List of Meetings for Compensation for June 1998 was presented for approval. Commissioner Burke moved to approve the List. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0 (Commissioners Conlon, Diener, and Wolf were absent).

1.(3) Consent Calendar

Vice Chairman Sylvester noted that Items 2.1e(1) and 2.6b(2) had been pulled for separate discussion.

Deputy Director Robert Chung reviewed the changes to the Consent Calendar. The changes were as follows:

- Item 2.1d(2): Proposition 115 Amendment amount to be reprogrammed is \$161,133.
- Item 2.4b: Resolutions of Necessity #C-17483, C-17489, C-17520, and C-17521 were pulled from the agenda. Resolution C-17485 parcel location should read 06-Ker-58-183.60.
- Item 2.5b(1): Project descriptions changed on Projects 2, 3, and 13.
- Item 2.5b(3): Project #25 project description on blue agenda was changed to agree with description in the book item attachment.
- Item 2.6c: Funding Source should be SHA/STP\$ rather than PTA\$.

Jim Nicholas reviewed Potential Consent Calendar Items 2.5b(2) and 2.5b(4). Proposition 116 Program Manager Sharon Scherzinger reviewed Potential Consent Calendar Item 2.6b(1). The Potential Consent Calendar Items were added to the Consent Calendar.

Executive Director Remen briefly reviewed Items 2.1e(1) and 2.6b(2). Commissioner Reed moved to add the items to the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioners Conlon and Diener were absent).

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Consent Calendar as changed. Chairman Wolf seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioners Conlon and Diener were absent).

1.(4) Commission Reports

Commissioner Conlon welcomed Commissioner Burke to the Commission. He also announced his resignation from the Commission. Chairman Wolf thanked him for his commitment to the Commission and also expressed appreciation for his service to the Commission.

Commissioner Reed discussed his tour of the Sacramento Train Station and the need to develop policy for investments in private property. Commission staff was directed to research policy on providing state funding for capital improvements on privately owned properties.

ACTION: S. Scherzinger

Vice Chairman Sylvester discussed the Rural Counties Task Force meeting.

1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

John Barna, Business Transportation, and Housing Agency, reported on the Capitol Corridor, Lake Tahoe designation as an MPO, and the FY 1998-99 and FY 1999-2000 budgets.

1.(6) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director James van Loben Sels reported on the El Nino emergency work; staff vacancies and recruitment efforts; STIP, SHOPP, and TSM programs delivery; selection of a new Bay Bridge design; and issues related to Yerba Buena Island.

1.(7) Regional Agencies Report

Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan discussed several issues of concern to the Regional Agencies including workplan preparation efforts, federal TIPs, STIP administration, and program delivery. After discussion, Commission staff and regional agencies were asked to cooperate in a Regional Workshop on the development of STIP guidelines.

ACTION: P. Hathaway/D. Brewer/T. McMillan

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP Amendment for Action**

No Items This Month

2.1b. STIP/TCI Amendment for Notice

- STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-1 - Notice
Reprograms \$11,900,000 in FY 1996-97 and 2000-01 Flexible Congestion Relief (FCR) Program funds from the Whipple Avenue Grade Separation project to the Ralston Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation, and Holly Street Grade Separation projects to be programmed in FY 1998-99. In addition, changes the applicant status for the FCR Program funds from the City of Redwood City to the Cities of Belmont and San Carlos. Also, modifies the project description for the "Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation" project programmed for \$600,000 in the FY 1997-98 TCI Program to "Ralston Avenue and Harbor Boulevard Grade Separation" project. The cities of Redwood City, Belmont and San Carlos are requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed amendment and recommended approval.

Commissioner Reed recommended that the item be placed on the August Consent Calendar.

Executive Director Remen discussed concerns about the shift of funds, the doubling of costs, and other grade separation projects being compromised by costs. He added that despite these concerns, staff did not oppose the proposed amendment.

Richard Napier, San Mateo County Congestion Management Executive Director, discussed the elimination of the Whipple Avenue project, the status of other grade separation projects, and increased projects costs.

Commissioner Wolf recommended that this item be placed on the August Consent Calendar.

2.1c. STIP/TCI Amendments for Notice

- 2.1c.(1)** STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-2 - Notice
Revises the scope of a Fremont Amtrak Intercity Rail Station improvement project programmed in the FY 1996-97 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) Program for \$300,000 to delete construction of an access route and reprograms \$60,000 remaining from this project to a project to purchase and install a ticket vending machine, and construct a mid-platform canopy and bench. The City of Fremont is requesting this amendment.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the amendment requested by the City of Fremont. He discussed the options available and recommended that the Commission deny the request and have the funds for the bench/canopy/ticket vending machines come from other savings.

Commissioner Wolf recommended that this item be placed on the August Consent Calendar.

- 2.1c.(2)** STIP/TCI Amendment 98S-3 - Notice
Reprograms \$1,250,000 from a Terminal Tower track and signal improvement project programmed in the FY 1997-98 TCI Program to a rail passenger Ticket Vending Machine project on the San Diegan Corridor. The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is requesting this amendment.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the amendment requested by SCRRA. He discussed the options available and recommended that \$1,250,000 in savings be applied to the \$4,000,000 shortfall in the FY 1997-98 TCI program and that the ticket machine project be funded from the IRS savings.

Commissioner Fleming recommended that this item be placed on the August consent Calendar.

2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1d.(1)** Project Approval for \$149,258 to the Cities of Jackson and Lone, in Amador County, for pedestrian sidewalk projects. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under item 2.6b.(3).)
Resolution PA-98-11

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1d.(2)** Project Approval Amendment for San Luis Obispo County to reprogram \$161,133 in cost savings from a Class II bikeway project on Tank Farm Road to two existing Class II bikeway projects on South Bay Boulevard and Orcutt Road, and a new Class II bikeway on First Street. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under item 2.6b.(3) and Allocation Amendment under item 2.6e.)
Resolution PA-98-12 Amending Resolutions PA-97-14 and PA-94-22

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1e. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1e.(1)** Project Approval for \$1,400,000 to Department of Transportation for the New Merced Intercity Rail Amtrak Station. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(2).)
Resolution PA-98-13

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1e.(2)** Project Approval for \$400,000 to Peninsula Commute Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) for Mountain View Caltrain Stations Improvements.
Resolution PA-98-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1e.(3)** Project Approval for \$1,108,000 to Department of Transportation for Stockton-Sacramento Track Improvement Engineering. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.6b.(2).) Resolution PA-98-15

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1f. Aeronautics Amendment for Action

- Aeronautics Amendment 98A-____ - Action
Redirection of \$33,300 in FY 1997-98 AIP Match Funds for South Lake Tahoe Airport Tower Operations. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.7c. See also related Item 4.5.) **The proposed Amendment is for Action on an emergency basis and waives the 30-day Notice period.**

This item was pulled from the agenda (refer to Item 4.5 for additional information).

2.2 Environmental Matters

2.2a. Comments on Document in Circulation

No Items This Month

2.2b. Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding

- Route 94 in San Diego County – Construct five passing lanes, one turnout, and shoulder widening at four locations between Otay Lakes Road and Route 188 near Tecate. (Negative Declaration)
Resolution E-98-12

Caltrans District Director Gary Gallegos asked the Commission to defer action on this item. He explained that the notice that had been sent out did not mention this was a negative declaration and Caltrans now planned to have another 30 day public review and workshop on the issue. He noted that the item would come back to the Commission in six months.

2.3 Highway Route Matters

2.3a. Route Adoptions

No Items This Month

2.3b. New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

2.3c. Four Relinquishment Resolutions

- 4-SM-84-27.6 Route 84 in the City of Menlo Park
Resolution R-3365
- 7-Ven-23-10.2 Route 23 in the City of Moorpark
Resolution R-3366
- 9-Iny-395-KP 44.1/46.5 Route 395 in Inyo County
Resolution R-3367
- 10-Mer-99-28.2/32.7 Route 99 in the City of Livingston
Resolution R-3368

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacation Resolution

No Items This Month

2.3e. Rescinding Resolutions

No Items This Month

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a.** Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances

- Mococo, LLC, et al.
04-CC-680-24.5
C-17481
- Donald T. Clemetson, et al.
04-CC-680-24.5
C-17482

This item was pulled from the agenda prior to the meeting.

2.4b. 39 Resolutions of Necessity

C-17484 Through C-17488
C-17490 Through C-17519
C-17522 Through C-17525

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4c. Airspace Leases Direct Negotiations (Sole Source Leases)

No Items This Month

2.4d. Director's Deeds

- Items # 1 Through 6
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$863,500
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.4e. Excess Land Status Report on Disposition of 160 Harrison Street, San Francisco

Commissioner Kozberg recused himself from all discussions concerning the Harrison Street property and left the room. Chairman Wolf briefly summarized the background of the disposition of the Harrison Street property. Executive Director Remen discussed the Commission's role in approving directors deeds and that the Commission does not determine if a property should be put out to competitive bid.

Caltrans Director van Loben Sels briefed the Commission on the history of the property and reported that it was Caltrans' intention to develop an RFQ for a marketing firm and to use the competitive bid process for selling the property.

Senator Kopp discussed the history of the property in more detail. He discussed his concerns about the volatility of the real estate market, about leaving the property fallow for two years while the bid process continues, and about the costs already incurred by the developer who relied on the original contract with the USPS and subsequently incurred substantial costs. He suggested the best way to dispose of the property was to let the developer give fair market appraised value for the property.

The Commission discussed the issue at length but took no action on this item.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters**2.5a. Financial Vote for Minor Projects.**

- Eighteen Minor Projects totaling \$5,842,000, plus \$570,000 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-01

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for State STIP/SHOPP/TEA Projects

- 2.5b.(1)** Fourteen STIP Projects totaling \$65,509,000, plus \$23,000 in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-02

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(2)** One STIP Project in Tulare County on Route 198 at \$53,124,000.
Resolution FP-98-03

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(3)** Thirty-two SHOPP Projects totaling \$100,843,000, plus \$569,800
in Local Contributions.
Resolution FP-98-04

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(4)** Four SHOPP Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department
Action totaling \$24,820,000.
Resolution FP-98-05

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5b.(5)** Two SHOPP Transportation Management Center Projects
totaling \$6,799,000.
Resolution FP-98-06

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5c. Financial Vote for Local Assistance STIP/TEA/EEM Projects

- 2.5c.(1)** Two Local RIP projects totaling \$250,000.
Resolution FP-98-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** One Local TEA project at \$427,000 plus \$271,000 in Contributions
from Others.
Resolution FP-98-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5d. Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount. Three Projects totaling \$12,701,000.
Resolution FP-98-10

- 08-Riv-10 - SHOPP project in Riverside County on Route 10. Upgrade parking and circulation. Current program value \$1,951,000 and current estimate \$3,121,000 for a 60 percent increase over programmed amount.
- 11-SD-8 - SHOPP project in San Diego County on Route 8. Replace barrier. Current program value \$973,000 and current estimate \$1,630,000 for a 68 percent increase over programmed amount.
- 11-SD-15 - SHOPP project in San Diego County on Route 15. Close Ramps and Construct City Street. Current program value \$5,319,000 and current estimate \$7,950,000 for a 49 percent increase over programmed amount.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the projects and explained why the cost increases were necessary.

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the funds for the cost increases as requested except for the Morongo item (project #1). Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Commissioners Conlon and Kozberg were absent).

Vice Chairman Sylvester moved to approve the funds for the cost increase for the Morongo item (project #1). Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Commissioner Reed abstained from voting and Commissioners Conlon and Kozberg were absent).

2.5e. Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Project.
One Project at \$33,000.
Resolution FA-98-01

- 04-Son-116 - SHOPP Project in Sonoma County on Route 116. \$33,000 to Allow Claims Payment. Original vote \$287,200. Current allocation \$320,200 for a grand total of \$353,200. 31 Percent increase over Award.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the vote for supplemental funds and recommended approval.

Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve the funds. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Commissioner Conlon was absent).

2.5f. Emergency Allocations

- 2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations
Twenty-four Projects totaling \$34,030,000 plus sixteen additional emergency projects totaling \$30,400,000 approved by the Department after preparation of the July 1998 Meeting material, for a total of forty emergency projects totaling \$64,430,000.

Refer to Item 2.5f.(2) for proceedings related to this item.

2.5f.(2) Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations
One Project totaling \$3,104,000.

Jim Nicholas presented Items 2.5f.(1 and 2) noting the 16 additional emergency projects added under Item 2.5f.(1) and the withdrawal of Project #1 under Item 2.5f.(2). Commissioners Kozberg and Fleming expressed concern about the recurring problems on Highway 1 in Los Angeles County and asked Caltrans to report back on possible alternatives to the recurring repair problems.

ACTION: T. Harris

2.5g. Extension of One-Year Allocation Time Limit for One Project on
the State Highway System.
Resolution FX-98-01

- 04-CC-680 - In Contra Costa County on Route 680. Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit project. Original vote date July 9, 1997, proposed award extension date January 9, 1999.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the request for an extension and discussed the necessity for the extension. Commissioner Berglund moved to approve the extension. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Commissioner Conlon was absent).

2.5h. Allocation increase of \$429,690,000 to Department of Transportation
(Caltrans) for FY 1998-99 Local Assistance Program.
Resolution FM-99-01

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, presented the request for an allocation increase and discussed why it was necessary. Commissioner Diener moved to approve the allocation increase. Commissioner Fleming seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Commissioner Conlon was absent).

2.5i. Increase Allocation of \$14,500,000 to Caltrans for FY 1997-98
Right-of-Way Program and extend authority to allocate the remaining
unallocated 1997 Budget Authority of \$20,000,000 until the 1998
Budget Act is adopted.
Resolution FM-99-02

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, presented and described the request for an increase allocation to Caltrans for the FY 1997-98 Right of Way program.

Les Spahnn, representing the Hatton Canyon Business Group, discussed concerns about the allocation for the Hatton Canyon project. He noted that Assemblyman Fred Keeley requested by letter that the Commission defer action on this item or back out an amount attributable to Hatton Canyon because of budget bill language.

The Commission discussed the allocation and asked Caltrans to clarify and report back on the content and status of the budget control language in the final adopted budget.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

Commissioner Diener moved to approve Resolution FM-99-02 holding back the funding for Hatton Canyon and changing the FY 1997-98 funding level to \$14,500,000. Vice chairman Sylvester seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Commissioner Conlon was absent).

- 2.5j.** Allocation of \$4,623,000 to Caltrans for FY 1998-99 Local Assistance Program for the County Transportation Commissions and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies for Planning, Programming and Monitoring activities in accordance with Senate Bill 45. (Consistent with concurrent Policy Matter under Item 4.6.)
Resolution DTP-98-01

Refer to Item 4.6 for proceedings related to this item.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

2.6a. Financial Vote for TCI Program Projects

No Items This Month

2.6b. Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Projects

2.6b.(1) Two Local Proposition 116 Rail Projects totaling \$14,500,000

- \$2,000,000 to City of Irvine for the Guideway Demonstration Project.
Resolution BFP-98-01
- \$12,500,000 to Santa Clara County Transit District and deferral of local match for the Tasman Corridor West Extension Project.
Resolution BFP-98-02

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b.(2) Two State Proposition 116 Rail Projects for \$2,508,000

- \$1,400,000 to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the New Merced Station Project on the San Joaquin Corridor.
Resolution BFP-98-03
- \$1,108,000 to California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Stockton-Sacramento Track Improvement Engineering Project.
Resolution BFP-98-04

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6b.(3) Three Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects for \$235,720

- \$109,720 to City of Lone for the Lone Safe Route to School Walkways Project.
Resolution BFP-98-05
- \$57,000 to County of San Luis Obispo for the South Bay Boulevard Bikeway Project.
Resolution BFP-98-06
- \$69,000 to County of San Luis Obispo for the First Street Bike Lanes Project.
Resolution BFP-98-07

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6c. Financial Vote for two STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$1,400,000
Resolution MFP-98-01

- \$800,000 to City of Santa Ana to construct a 423-space parking structure at the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center.
- \$600,000 to San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority to purchase three full-size ADA equipped transit coaches.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6d. Financial Vote for Multiple Program Funded Projects

No Items This Month

2.6e. Allocation Amendment for Proposition 116 Projects

- County of San Luis Obispo - Reduce amount allocated for the Tank Farm Road Bicycle Lanes from \$374,000 to \$212,868, to reflect a cost savings of \$161,133. The savings will be reprogrammed to one new bikeway project (First Street Bike Lanes) and two existing bikeway projects (Orcutt Road and South Bay Boulevard). (Consistent with concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1d.(2), concurrent Allocations under 2.6b.(3), and concurrent Allocation Amendment under 2.6e (below).)
Resolution BFA-98-01, Amending Resolution BFA-96-32.
- County of San Luis Obispo - Increase amount allocated for the Orcutt Road Bikeway by \$77,133, to cover cost increase relating to change in scope. Additional funds made available from cost savings on the Tank Farm Road Bicycle Lanes Project. (Consistent with concurrent Project Approval Amendment under Item 2.1d.(2) and concurrent Allocation Amendment under 2.6e (above).)
Resolution BFA-98-02, Amending Resolution BFA-96-29.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6f. SB 2800 Advance Local Match Requests

No Items This Month

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters**2.7a.** Allocation of \$500,000 in FY 1998-99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for one project from the 1998 Aeronautics Program.
Resolution FDOA-98-4

- City of Santa Paula - Santa Paula Airport in Ventura County
\$500,000 Land Acquisition RPZ

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.7b. Allocation of \$1,400,000 for FY 1998-99 in Aeronautics Funds included as a set-aside to match Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants in the 1998 Aeronautics Program.
Resolution FDOA-98-5

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.7c. Allocation of \$33,300 in FY 1997-98 AIP Match Funds for South Lake Tahoe Airport Tower Operations. (Consistent with concurrent Amendment under Item 2.1f. See also related Item 4.5.)
Resolution FDOA-98-6

This item was pulled from the agenda; refer to item 4.5 for proceedings related to this item.

2.8 Waiver of Commission Policy

No Items This Month

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions**2.9(1)** Resolution FM-98-2. Originally approved September 18, 1997.
Correction in lump sum allocation in the amount of \$27,000,000 from Program 20, Highway Transportation to Program 30, Mass Transportation.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.9(2) Resolution FP-97-86. Originally approved May 6, 1998, in the amount of \$455,000 to the City of Concord for a Corridor Surveillance System project.
Change allocation amount to \$614,000, to include \$159,000 in support costs.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(3)** Resolution FP-97-82. Originally approved May 6, 1998, for a total of \$51,057,000 to the Department of Transportation for twenty-two SHOPP projects. Correction in allocation amount for SHOPP Project #17 (10-SJ-120 EA 455901) from \$1,496,000 to \$1,500,000 to reflect amount in Cooperative Agreement with City of Escalon.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.9(4)** Resolution FP-97-105. Originally approved June 2, 1998 for a total of \$9,576,142 to various local agencies for twelve local Regional Improvement Program (RIP) projects. Correction in project funding type for RIP Project #15 (Plumas County Transportation Commission - Graeagle-Johnsville Road Project - EA 1A0500) from federalized (\$2,000 State and \$8,000 federal) to state-only funding (\$10,000 State).

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. PROGRAM STATUS

3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1997-98 Finance Report

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the monthly finance report. She noted that the cash balance was down slightly to \$1.74 billion, and a continuing slow payout in cash for the local assistance program.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the monthly report on the status of seven projects worth \$52.7 million previously voted but not awarded.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 State Legislative Matters

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham summarized AB 96 (Strom-Martin) - Transportation Funding for Publicly-Owned Freight Rail Projects. After discussion, Commissioner Diener moved to oppose the bill and seek amendments. Commissioner Berglund seconded the motion which carried 8-0 (Commissioner Conlon was absent).

Deputy Director Oldham summarized SB 1477 (Karnette & Kopp) - State Highway Account Appropriation for Local Street & Highway Maintenance, Rehabilitation and Storm Damage Repair. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to remain neutral on the legislation and meet with the author to discuss the need for repairs and the sources of funding.

Deputy Director Oldham summarized SB 1758 (Kelley) - Advance Project Funding. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to support the legislation and seek amendments to clarify certain provisions.

The Commission also discussed the LACMTA Restructuring Bills which included AB 1141 (Murray) - LACMTA Restructuring; AB 1759 (Runner) - LACMTA Restructuring; SB 567 (Polanco) - LACMTA Restructuring; SB 1847 (Schiff) - Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority; SB 1886 (Hayden) - San Fernando Valley Transportation Planning.

4.2 WORKSHOP: Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)

- 4.2a.** Summary of TEA-21 and Issues for California
- 4.2b.** TEA-21 Funding Levels, the 1998 Fund Estimate, and Implications for the 2000 STIP
- 4.2c.** STIP and SHOPP Delivery Implications
- 4.2d.** Local Assistance Funding and Delivery
- 4.2e.** State Highway Account Balance Implications
- 4.2f.** High Priority (Demo) Projects
- 4.2g.** New Rail Starts
- 4.2h.** Federal Discretionary Programs
- 4.2i.** Enhancements (TEA) Program
 - 4.2i.(1)** Funding and Program Options
 - 4.2i.(2)** Revised Guidelines
 - 4.2i.(3)** Presentation by Members of TEA Advisory Council

The Commission conducted a workshop on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a better understanding of TEA-21 (funding levels and other reforms); understand the relationship of TEA-21 to assumptions used in the 1998 STIP; identify opportunities for added programming in the 2000 STIP; identify potential for delivering added program capacity; understand the relationship of demo funding to Regional and Interregional STIP commitments; understand the relationship of federal funding to California passenger rail projects; and to identify implications for the TEA Enhancement Program.

Workshop participants included the Commissioners, Senator Quentin Kopp, and staff from Caltrans, the Regional Agencies, and the Commission. Additional participants were:

- Geoff Yarema, Nossaman, Guthner, Knox, and Elliot
- Erwin Ohannesian, TEA Advisory Council
- Kate Bickert, Rails to Trail Conservancy

The following action items resulted from the workshop:

- Item 4.2: Schedule workshop, for a select group of CTC staff and Commissioners, Caltrans and BT&H staff, Legislative staff, and Regional Agencies staff, regarding further discussion of TEA-21 issues prior to August Commission meeting, with report to be made at the full Commission meeting.

ACTION: R. Remen

- Item 4.2c: Develop master calendar for implementation of each aspect of TEA-21.

ACTION: P. Hathaway/R. Terry

- Item 4.2d: Survey all Regional Agencies and Local Agencies for the status and outlook for accelerating the use of Obligation Authority for local apportionments.

ACTION: T. McMillan

- Item 4.2d: Explore collaborative efforts to help accelerate the use of federal resources.

ACTION: R. Remen/T. McMillan/Caltrans Representative

- Item 4.2e: Secure from Senator Kopp any independent analyses that he may cause to be developed regarding the Department's preliminary assessment of programming capacity in the 2000 STIP and the cash balance forecast.

ACTION: C. Oldham

- Item 4.2i(1): Develop for consideration, and possible action at the August meeting, a plan for TEA implementation in keeping with that outlined by Chairman Wolf.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

4.3 California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank

Craig House, Caltrans presented a status report on the California Infrastructure and Economic development Bank.

4.4 Proposed Procedures for Administering Local Agency Grant Projects

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, presented the proposed procedures for administering local agency grant projects. The Commission requested that in the preparation of the allocations guidelines, it be clarified that the ultimate determination of fund type is a Commission responsibility with the Department playing a strong advisory role.

ACTION: G. Hagan

4.5 Eligibility of Aeronautics Account Funds for Control Tower Operations

Deputy Director Oldham presented the Caltrans legal opinion that it is not permissible to make aeronautics account funds available for Control Tower Operations. As a result, the Commission took no action on Items 2.1f and 2.7c and directed staff to work with TACA on possible legislative recommendations regarding eligibility of Aeronautics Account funds for control tower operations and other aeronautics issues for year-end report.

ACTION: C. Oldham

4.6 Delegation of Authority to Department of Transportation for Distribution of Planning, Programming and Monitoring Funds to the County Transportation Commissions and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation under Item 2.5j.) Resolution G-98-14

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, briefly reviewed the request for delegation of authority and recommended approval.

Commissioner Kozberg moved to approve Items 4.6 and 2.5j. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 9-0.

4.7 FY 1998-99 Airspace, Excess Land, and Asset Management Business Plan

Susan Ellis, Caltrans, summarized the business plan and reviewed the goals.

Commissioner Berglund complimented the business plan and noted that it was well done.

4.8 Clarification by Resources Agency of Project Evaluation Issues, and Proposals for FY 1998-99 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program

EEM Program Manager Rick Gumz presented an overview of the EEM Program. He reviewed the program requirements and discussed the differences in the evaluations prepared by Resources Agency and Commission staff.

Don Wallace, Resources Agency, discussed the evaluations prepared by the Resources Agency and proposed reductions for some projects.

After discussion, the Commission asked the Resources Agency to provide an analysis at the August Commission meeting of the consequences of partially funding the fifteen project applications and the prospect for completing the underlying land acquisition program for each.

ACTION: D. Wallace

The Commission also directed staff to present at the August Commission meeting three alternate projects for the FY 1998-99 EEM Program involving full and partial funding of the fifteen land acquisition projects, full and partial funding of the Coal Canyon project and resulting additions or deletions from the list as submitted as a result of those changes.

ACTION: R. Gumz

5. MODAL ISSUES**5.1 Rail**

No Items This Month

5.2 Highways

No Items This Month

6. OTHER MATTERS

Ruth Rockefeller, NCRA, discussed the NCRA financial difficulties and the hardship that would result if the area loses the railroad.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director